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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PORTS OF ENTRY FOR CUBAN DIPLOMATS

1. USUN IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING NOTE
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TO THE CUBAN PERMANENT MISSION:

QUOTE: THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS WISHES TO ADVISE THE

PERMANENT MISSION OF CUBA OF THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION OF PORTS OF ENTRY IN THE UNITED STATES FOR PERSONS ASSIGNED TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CUBA, AND THOSE CUBAN OFFICIALS WORKING FOR OTHER ACCREDITED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND CUBAN MEMBERS OF THEIR PERSONAL STAFFS, AS WELL AS CUBAN-NATIONAL SERVANTS OF DIPLOMATS AND INTERNATIONAL-ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS STATIONED IN THE US AND THEIR FAMILIES (HOLDERS OF A AND G UNITED STATES VISAS). HERETOFORE, NEW YORK CITY AND MIAMI HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED APPROVED PORTS OF ENTRY FOR SUCH PERSONS.

2. EFFECTIVE AS OF THIS DATE, THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS OF BALTIMORE, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON, D. C. ARE DESIGNATED AS APPROVED PORTS OF ENTRY IN ADDITION TO NEW YORK CITY AND MIAMI. THESE DESIGNATIONS DO NOT AFFECT

THE CLOSED AREAS DETAILED IN THE UNITED STATES MISSION NOTE OF FEBRUARY 14, 1975 AND EXPLAINED AND AMPLIFIED IN THE MISSION RESUME OF MARCH 4, 1975. END QUOTE.

3. CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE: THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE ON AN IF ASKED BASIS. USUN MAY DRAW ON THIS GUIDANCE IF ASKED.

QUESTION: DOES THIS CHANGE CONSTITUTE A SIGNAL OR POLICY CHANGE TOWARDS CUBA?

ANSWER: NO. YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN FEBRUARY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON CUBAN DIPLOMATS WERE RELAXED TO PERMIT THEM TO TRAVEL WITHIN A 250 MILE RADIUS OF NEW YORK. THE NEW PORTS OF ENTRY FALL WITHIN THE 250 MILE RADIUS. THE ADDITION OF THE NEW PORTS OF ENTRY IN AREAS IN WHICH THE CUBANS WERE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL MERELY IMPLEMENTS THE FEBRUARY DECISION. I MIGHT ADD THAT THE CUBANS HAD REQUESTED EXPANSION OF THE NUMBERS OF PORTS OF ENTRY.
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QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, DO THEIR OFFICIALS ALSO HAVE THE SAME OR SAME NUMBER OF PORTS OF ENTRY?

ANSWER: PORTS OF ENTRY VARY FROM ONE COMMUNIST COUNTRY TO ANOTHER. THE CUBAN PORTS OF ENTRY ARE ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO THE PORTS DESIGNATED FOR POLAND, FOR EXAMPLE.

QUESTION: WHY WEREN'T THE PORTS DESIGNATED BACK IN FEBRUARY?

ANSWER: THE CUBANS RAISED THIS QUESTION LATER.

4. FOR INFO POSTS: NO CHANGE IS BEING MADE IN
APPENDIX A, 22 CFR 41.122 AT THIS TIME, SINCE A GENERAL
REVISION OF THE ENTIRE APPENDIX INCLUDING THE NOTES TO
THAT PORTION IS DUE TO BE PUBLISHED SOON.

PROCEDURES DETAILED IN NOTE 2 OF THAT PORTION APPLY. KISSINGER

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